

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Takumi OKAUE et al.

Serial No.

09/467,221

For

EXTERNAL STORAGE APPARATUS AND CONTROL

APPARATUS THEREOF, AND DATA TRANSMISSION RECEPTION APPARATUS

Filed

December 20, 1999

Examiner

Ahshik Kim

Art Unit

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745 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10151 Tel: 212-588-0800

Mail Stop **Commissioner for Patents** P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

## Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	30	Minus	** = 20	* x 10	\$18 (9)	= \$ 180.00
Independent claims	8	Minus	***= 3	* x 5	\$86 (43)	= \$ 430.00
		Total ad	ditional fee for th	nis amendment		\$ 610.00

- If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.
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- If the highest number of independent claims proviously noid for is less than 2 write "2" in this space

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	This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$290(145) has been previously paid $\square$ , or is paid herewith $\square$ .
	This response is being filed within the month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
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Date of Signature

Respectfully submitted,

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## SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This supplements the amendment filed December 18, 2003 and is in further response to the Final Office Action mailed September 18, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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